



INdiana Traffic Incident Management Effort

Minutes January 18, 2010

Call to Order- Major Melville, IN-TIME Chair

Roll Call- Karen Stippich, IN-TIME Secretary

Welcome- Major Melville

Minutes-

Approval for November 2010 Minutes

Motion – Gary Robison

Second – Eric Hutchinson

Recent Incidents- Major Melville

Sullivan County- Jan 15, 2011 at 7:16AM First Responders responded to a personal injury crash where a school bus was northbound on US41 just north of SR 48, activated all emergency lights and stopped for a railroad crossing as required by Indiana law. A northbound delivery box truck failed to stop and struck the school bus in the rear. The bus was loaded with 11 female students, ranging from freshmen to seniors, and one adult female chaperone. The bus was enroute to a “Business Professionals of America” contest at North Vermillion High School in northern Vermillion County. The driver of the school bus, all bus passengers, and the driver of the delivery truck were taken to Sullivan County Community Hospital by either Sullivan County Ambulance Service or private vehicle. All were later treated and released with mostly complaining of pain.

The box truck driver was cited for Speed too Fast to Avoid a Collision.

The crash was investigated by Indiana State Police, Sullivan County Sheriff’s Office, Sullivan County EMS, Shelburn Fire/Rescue, and Sullivan County Community Hospital (who summoned in off-duty medical personnel) to assist with the 14 total patients involved along with school officials from Shakamak School.

1-11-11 11:41AM News from Notify Every Truck

NET Alert 131 - Jan-11 at 10:17 AM - per ISP, I-65 N at mile 3.5 in IN closed until 2 PM. SB now open. Overturned CMV with Haz-mat load in median.

1-11-11 Major-

I just got back from a PI on 465 and all went well. I used JA3 and communicated with TM and they were able to direct us that it was in the left lane EB, east of Michigan Road. One of your cars stayed back about a 1/2 mile and we had cones out along with good apparatus placement. This was a 2 car MVA with entrapment (not too severe) and we operated as quickly as possible to clear the left 2 lanes that we had to use for operation and safety. This truly was text book and it seemed that everybody got it. Just an FYI - the education efforts are paying off. Thanks, Mike Podgorski

Successful Quick Clearance examples:

1-12-11 3:30PM I-74 EB AT 155 MM./RIPLEY COUNTY./ALL LANES CLOSED./DUE TO AN UNKNOWN QUANTITY FUEL SPILL FROM A SEMI./DURATION UNKNOWN./116157/AUTH. ISP OPERATIONS./INDYTMC CALLAHAN

4:49PM I-74 EB AT 155 MM./RIPLEY COUNTY./ALL LANES ARE NOW OPEN./116157/AUTH. ISP OPERATIONS./INDYTMC CALLAHAN (1 hr 19 min)

1-12-11 2:51PM 69NB @ 123MM ALL LANES CLOSED DUE TO AN OVERTURNED SEMI / NO SPILLS OR INJURIES / TRAFFIC DIVERTED AT EXIT 112 / NO ETA / AUTH ISP OPS - INDYTMC / BMH

4:44PM UPDDATE - 69NB @ 123MM ALL LANES NOW OPEN / AUTH ISP OPS - INDYTMC / BMH

(1 hr 53 min)

Greetings Media,

The Lafayette District is investigating a roll-over crash of a commercial motor vehicle on Interstate 65 at Exit 178 in Tippecanoe County. The crash is at the Battle Ground exit for State Road 43. The crash occurred around 10:45 AM this morning, Friday, January 07, 2011.

There is no injury to anyone and only one vehicle is involved. The semi-tractor was hauling grain at the time of the crash and some of the load has leaked out onto the road. The tractor and trailer were also blocking the right lane of I-65 NB causing traffic delays. The ramp to northbound I-65 from State Road 43 is shut down also due to the over-turned semi and the clean-up of debris. Weather is not believed to be a factor in the crash.

Several troopers from the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division are on scene to inspect the vehicle and investigate the crash.

Indiana Department of Transportation and local fire personnel have assisted at the scene. The road is expected to be cleared before evening traffic rush begins.



I-65NB Fatal- two semis MP 128NB

Example of a god job keeping ramp and mainline open.



**I-65NB jackknife semi with fuel leak appropriate lane closure!!!
Officer ahead of the curve to warn motorists.**

Outreach-

11-24-10 Taped Fatigued and Distracted Driver video available for view at
<http://64.46.36.175/IDHS/c20101205a/index.htm>

12-3-10 Meeting on 322b with BMV. The 322b form is filled out for disabled or abandoned vehicles.
Trying to get this electronic to make the process quicker.

12-7-10 Michiana Fire Chief's Assoc meeting- IN-TIME presentation in South Bend

12-8-10 Wireless 911 Annual meeting- IN-TIME presentation

1-17-11 Morgan County EMS Association- IN-TIME presentation

12-3-10 Meeting with Mrs. Crane and daughter Kerri. Kerri was in a serious secondary crash in Boone County in 2006 and will be at one of our meetings soon to tell her part of the survivor story!



→ **Go out and make presentations to get the word out.**

IN-TIME Website

There has been a problem with the website. It was down for a while but it is back up. ISP is going to host the networks and update the website in 2011. IDHS is also going to have a link to the website.

LODD (Line of Duty Death)

Cops charged 34-year-old Neida Ortega with driving too fast for conditions-and additionally, she only had a Mexican driver's license but no other license.

Fire fighter Zobel , 23, was killed Saturday as he operated at that brush fire on Interstate 20. Firefighter Larry Irvin, was also injured in the crash, and remains stable but in critical condition at the hospital. Fire apparatus were properly parked on the inside lane on the eastbound side of I-20 with lights activated. 2 other vehicles were approaching the scene from behind, when a van driven by Ms. Ortega rear-ended a Chevy Impala and the impact of the crash sent the Impala **between** 2 Columbia-Richland fire apparatus on the inside eastbound lane. Zobel became a firefighter in 2007 with Engine Company 4.

This is related because, as shown above, it can be any fire/EMS/police officer personnel operating on the roadways.

Gary Smith, 57, helped set up a traffic block for the CHP on the northbound lanes of Highway 99 after a fatal DUI crash. Russell Hodge, 45, drove his Ford F250 truck through the closure and slammed into Smith, fatally injuring him. The drunk Hodge continued driving down Highway 99, but was stopped by a CHP officer a short distance down the road. CHP determined Hodge was under the influence and arrested him-and it should be noted that Hodge has been convicted three times of driving under the influence in the past 10 years. Hodge is facing charges of second-degree murder.

EMT Laura Pullam, 29, of Lowndesboro was operating on the scene of a 2 vehicle crash on I-65 south at the 161 mile marker near Hope Hull. While EMT Pullam was treating a victim of the initial crash, a pick-up truck left the roadway and struck her. EMT Pullam was rushed to Baptist South Hospital where she died in the Line of Duty from her injuries. The driver of the truck, 42-year-old Robert Allen Cumbie of Montgomery, was not injured. A preliminary investigation showed that Cumbie was speeding and carelessly passing traffic that had slowed due to icy road conditions and the emergency vehicles that were on the roadside.

Ad-Hoc Committees-

Media Response Guide for Traffic Incident Management- F/Sgt. Brian Olehy

Need to develop a media guide for how responders will communicate with the media at traffic incidents. The media guide may set up communication and safety procedures for how the media can interact with responders to get the news story. The objective is to have the media educated on how to approach the scene and be prepared to wear safety vests.

- F/Sgt. Brian Olehy has reviewed information from 4-5 people on committee. Wants input from a couple more people outside of the Indianapolis Metro area. He plans to have a draft by the January meeting.

No Update

HazMat Training – Jason Sewell

Jason Sewell with IDEM is working with Debbie Rauen at the Indiana Department of Labor to start Haz Mat response training for traffic incidents.

- A draft letter of interpretation that will better define what is a spill and what is reportable is being reviewed by the IDEM Deputy Commissioner. Once that is issued training will follow.

A Draft Letter of interpretation was distributed with no comments back. The letter is being prepared for signature.

Deb Rauen from Dept. of Labor is working on Hazmat training.

Communications- Deputy Chief Russ Shoaf

I have delivered a radio to the TMC that has been program to only transmit incidents that are on the interstates. This will allow the TMC to hear the dispatch of equipment to the interstate and allow them time to search for the incident with their cameras and prepare to assist equipment with information prior to their commenting to the interstate.

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Russ Shoaf has provided a handheld radio to notify to the Indy TMC of any interstate runs that they (Pike FD) make.

Medical helicopter response committee- Mike Gravett

Set up best practices for IN-TIME to follow. Develop guidance for where you land at the incident site

Vote:

Motion – Eric Hutchinson

Second – Gary Robison

Discussion

What is the definition of upstream and downstream. There are multiple interpretations. IN-TIME is using the same definition as the National Traffic Incident Management Coalition (NTMIC).

➔ –Need to Upstream/Downstream definition on the IN-TIME website.

Question if FAA has seen the policy.

Vote taken: All approved – none opposed - Motion carried to adopt the policy.

Pre-mark Alternate routes with permanent signs – Dan Avery

This was done in Ft. Wayne and there are signs in place. Show Files from Ft. Wayne.

Pre Marked Alternate Route Committee: Guy Boruff, Brad Minnick, Dana Plattner, need law, fire and towing reps- Dan Avery

VOTE

Motion – Mike Podgorski

Second - Eric Hutchinson

Vote taken: All approved – none opposed - Motion carried to adopt the policy.

Secondary Crash Policy-

This is a best practice for other agencies to consider adopting. This will be sent out with the meeting minutes. The policy calls for a warning vehicle at the end of the queue with its lights on. This can be done by various responders. Encourage other law enforcement agencies to adopt this policy.

VOTE

Motion - John Shimmer

Second - Mike Podgorski

Vote to adopt this as a Best Practice locals can adopt.

Vote taken: All approved – none opposed - Motion carried to adopt the policy.

Old Business

IN-TIME Website (<http://indianatime.org>)

Start using the website.

ISP PIO Division will be working on a new website to put it on the ISP website.

Coroner Committee- A form was develop for Officers to use when it is needed to move a deceased person at a scene prior to the coroner's arrival. The form collects the pertinent information needed by the coroner for their investigation and reporting needs.

- Electronic Template developed for the "On Scene Traffic Fatality Data Collection" form.
- The form will be put on the IN-TIME website. This form should be discussed in each county prior to use. There should a planed process for use of the form in each jurisdiction between Law enforcement the coroner.
- The form and electronic template are attached.

Field report form is done. This would have helped with the I-65 crash in Hendricks County. Will send this out.

INDOT- meeting for Cable Barrier- 10-20-10 , set Indiana standards, emphasis on First Responder Vehicles

Want more turn around opportunities for responders and enforcement

- Don't have the final changes yet from INDOT to provide to you

INDOT is working on update the specification for Cable barrier Rail that will include breaks in the barriers for responders to use. These will be not be paved but should be useable by responders.

Photogrammetry –

132 total uses of Photogrammetry

1 Hour –average time to measure using photogrammetry

2 Hours 47 Minutes – Average Estimated Measurement Time NOT using Photogrammetry

1 Hour and 47 Minutes: Average Time SAVED PER ROAD CLOSING SCENE using Photogrammetry.

884 hours- time saved that the general public would have been sitting in traffic or working their way through traffic before the traffic lanes were back to normal flow.

IN-TIME Webinars

Need help with webinar – team of two to deal with this each month.

New Business

Election Committee

Chaired by the Secretary and members appointed by the IN-TIME chair.

Shall ask for volunteers and nominate persons to be placed on the ballot for voting for Vice-Chair and the Secretary positions.

Election Committee :

Karen Stippich

Don Holder

Jeff Larmore

Danny price

Seeking more than one person for each position. Nominations will be provided at the February Meeting with the election at the March meeting. New officers will take their office in April.

Presentation-

Craig Voight- Pike Twp Fire Department with info regarding hybrid vehicle hazards and myths

Approach from a 45degree angle and chalk the wheels

Biggest danger - they are silent and you do not know they are alive and you get run over

Some brands look like other gas models and you may not easily identify them (Camry, Highlander)

If the dashboard is lit up it is live. – if so take out 12 volt system and then get to work.

MGS Tech – good website – <http://www.mgstech.net/>

Link to videos: <http://www.mgstech.net/media/videos>

video of wire cutter – no electrocution but - there was spark that could be a fire starter

video of submersion test – does not electrocute you

This is brief overview of a 2.5 hours. The full presentation will be given at an Extrication class at Pike Twp. Fire March 26. Contact Mike Podgorski with any questions about the presentation of the upcoming class.

Next Meeting –

TUESDAY – February 15, 2011,

Peru Indiana State Police Post- ½ mile north of US24 on US31, Peru, IN

0900 state time

Webinar access will be sent out closer to the date.